

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to convey my deepest concern regarding further pursuit of biomass based power generation plants as a renewable source of energy for Massachusetts.

As demonstrated by the Manomet study :

- Biomass power plants are not sustainable in the long term
- Biomass power plants will add to the carbon burden of our atmosphere, thus increasing the effects of global warming

I request that the DOER:

- Stop directing taxpayer funded renewable energy credits and incentives to biomass based generation plants and instead, direct them toward genuinely clean energy alternatives such as solar, geothermal, appropriately located wind and hydro, and conservation and efficiency measures.
- Stop permitting new biomass fueled generation plants
- Act to rescind any existing permits biomass fueled generation plants
- Stop promoting and incentivizing biomass fueled electric generation plants
- Re-examine the carbon impacts of CHP (Combined Heat and Power) biomass plants. The Manomet study used unreasonable assumptions to make forest burning biomass look 'less bad' than it really is. The model needs to be more realistic to match the realities on the ground.

Regards,

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